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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 51,54,55,69,70 and 74-76 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 51,54,55,69,70 and 74-76 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

3. Claims 51, 54, 55, 69, 70, and 74-76 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wietrzynski (5824350) in view of Uratani (5788872).

Wietrzynski teaches an ejector pin for a mold comprising:

(a) an ejector pin head (18) that is receivable in an ejector plate assembly (34) of the mold (30), the ejector pin head comprising a pair of generally parallel end walls (Fig. 2) having a bore (14) extending therethrough with one of the end walls having a recessed land formed therein that is defined by a flat bottom wall and a sidewall that surrounds the bore with the sidewall being curved with a portion that is straight (Fig. 2);

(b) a cylindrical ejector pin barrel (12) having a width less than a lengthwise extent of the ejector pin head and having a length greater than its width (Fig. 2), the

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ejector pin barrel comprising a pair of ejector pin barrel ends and a sidewall that extends between the ejector pin barrel ends with one of the ejector pin barrel ends received in the recessed land (42) being flat and having a circular periphery with a portion of the periphery being straight and the other one of the ejector pin barrel ends being disposed toward a cavity (32) of the mold (Fig. 1) and

(c) wherein the sidewall of the recessed land surrounds the periphery of the ejector pin barrel end received in the recessed land with the ejector pin barrel end abutting against the bottom wall of the recessed land (Col. 3, lines 11-15) and the straight portion of the ejector pin barrel end bearing against the straight portion of the sidewall of the recessed land opposing relative rotation between the ejector pin head and the ejector pin barrel (Fig. 1) (Col. 3, lines 50-65).

Wietrzynski also teaches the ejector pin (10) having a first end region (40) with a stepped bore (14), an internal screw (16), a marker that preferably has a date stamp (18) that is screwed into the stepped bore (Col. 3, lines 34-50). This allows for marking of the mold product in the cavity.

Wietrzynski fails to teach a fastener.

In relation to the injection molding and imprinting of the molded product via a marker, or insert, Uratani teaches the claimed ejector pin having an enlarged head (5) disposed at the end of a barrel (3), an indicia imprinted insert (41) is located in a cup (31) at the end of the barrel opposite the end with the head. The head can also be threadably received (33) in the barrel (Fig. 5). Uratani teaches a plurality of notches on a side wall (10) and coupling ring (9) with a pair of radial extending circumferentially

spaced apart projections (91,92) and an upraised sidewall (6,10). The sidewall having a projection (102) that extends into a groove (32,34) of the barrel (3). The enlarged head having a threaded shank (42) acting as a fastener that comprises of a threaded shape that extends outwardly from an enlarged head wherein the threaded shank is oriented in an axial direction parallel to a longitudinal axis of the enlarged head and surrounding barrel (Fig. 1, Fig. 2) and engages the barrel end attaching the head to the barrel with the fastener head disposed flush with the other one of the end walls of the head (Fig. 1).

In regards to the ring in claim 74, Uratani teaches the structural elements claimed except that the locator projection on the coupling ring does not enter a groove on the barrel and instead the sidewall has the projection.

Uratani teaches the concept of using a threaded fastener in having an enlarged head to be fastened to a barrel. This is related via the molding arts and in the marking of the mold via indicia. Thus, one of ordinary skill in the art would recognize and would find obvious to modify Wietrzynski with a fastener as taught by Uratani because it would allow for providing a removable marking device on top of the ejector pin barrel.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 51, 54, 55, 69, 70, and 74-76 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. The applicant's arguments concerning Uratani have been considered, however, Wietrzynski teaches an ejector barrel and ejector pin head for a mold. The rejection of the claims is over Wietrzynski in view of Uratani.

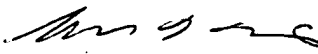
Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Emmanuel S. Luk whose telephone number is (571) 272-1134. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 8 to 5 and alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ben Utech can be reached on (571) 272-1137. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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